

March 16, 2010

Honorable E. Benjamin Nelson
United State Senate
Nebraska


RE: Center for Rural Entrepreneurship Application

Dear Senator Nelson:

I would like to endorse the Center for Rural Entrepreneurship's application for funding through the Congressional Request Process in support of additional community Entrepreneur Coaching Projects in Nebraska. There is significant interest and demand for this approach to rural economic development. Based on our experience we believe the Center's program offers great promise for helping other communities better support entrepreneurs as a way to create jobs and grow their economy.

We have launched an entrepreneur coaching program here in the McCook area with very encouraging initial results. We couldn't have done it without the expert help from the Center for Rural Entrepreneurship.

Sincerely,



Rex Nelson
Executive Director
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McCook/Red Willow County/Southwest Nebraska